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1. On 1 September 1951, all Russian military installations in Vienna were directed to discharge all Austrian employees. An unknown number of interpreters in various Bezirks Kommandatur were dismissed the same day and replaced by Russian military personnel.
 2. Austrian workers in Russian Army repair shops and hospitals were told they will be permitted to continue to work until Russian replacements are available, possibly for two weeks to two months. Workers expect the shift to Russian workers to be completed soon, since some personnel is being discharged every day. The trade union representative of each installation determines the dismissals in the following order:
 - a. Noncommunists
 - b. Questionable Communists
 - c. Active KPOe members
- Source states that active KPOe members have been advised to seek new employment through the KPOe Central Committee's Labor Consultant Feldmann (fmu).

25X1A **Comment:** Another source reports that some of the Austrian employees of the Russian Hofburg Officers' Club have already been dismissed, and that the rest have been given notice to leave by 10 October. The latter will be allotted no extra pay as required by Austrian law.

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